

October 24, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

**In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, USF Contribution
Methodology, CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, October 21, 2005, Scott Reiter and Daniel Mitchell with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) met with Cathy Carpino, Greg Guice, Carol Pomponio, Rodger Woock, and Narda Jones with the Wireline Competition Bureaus' (WCB's) Telecommunications Access Policy Division, and Richard Lerner with the WCB Front Office. We discussed NTCA's positions in the above-referenced proceedings. NTCA distributed the enclosed handout in the meeting which lists NTCA's positions in this proceeding.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
Vice President
Legal and Industry

Attachment

cc: Cathy Carpino
Greg Guice
Carol Pomponio
Roger Woock
Narda Jones
Richard Lerner